# Black holes and random matrices 

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- The stakes are high here. Many approaches to understanding the bulk-
- TFD/Eternal black hole
- Ryu-Takayanagi
- Geometry from entanglement
- Tensor networks
- $E R=E P R$
- Code subspaces
- ...
suggest that any complete bulk description of quantum gravity must be able to describe these states.


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- Guidance about what to look for


## $Z Z^{*}(t)$ in SYK

[Jordan Cotler, Guy Gur-Ari, Masanori Hanada, Joe Polchinski, Phil Saad, Stephen Shenker, Douglas Stanford, Alex Streicher, Masaki Tezuka] ([CGHPSSSST])

See also<br>[Garcia-Garcia-Verbaarschot]

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In BTZ summing over modular transforms of blocks gives oscillating slope with power law envelope: nonperturbatively small oscillations in the density of states.
[Dyer-Gur-Ari]

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Some evidence for this in melonic models
[Witten; Gurau; Carrozza-Tanasa;
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- $q=2$ SYK in progress [Saad, SS]


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